In the Specification:

Please amend page 9, paragraph 1 as follows:

Figure 1 shows the alignment of the amino acid domain that is conserved between *Drosophila* E93 (SEQ ID NO: 1 and predicted proteins in humans (SEQ ID NO: 2), fish (SEQ ID NO: 3), mice (SEQ ID NO: 4) and worms (SEQ ID NO: 5).

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Figure 2 shows the nucleotide sequence of the human *E93A* (A) (SEQ ID NO: 6) and *E93B* (B) (SEQ ID NO: 7) transcription units.

Figure 3 shows the genomic organization of the human *E93A* (A) and *E93B* (B) transcription units. The *hE93A* primary transcript is greater than 140 kilobases (kb) in length, while the *hE93B* primary transcript is 10 kb in length.

Figure 4 shows the amino acid sequence of the predicted human E93 protein (SEQ ID NO: 8). The conserved amino acid domain is underlined.

Figure 5 shows Northern blot hybridization analyses of human *E93* transcription in different tissues. Human *E93* transcripts were detected in brain, kidney, muscle, small intestine, and testis.